

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING ATRIAL DISCRIMINATION ALGORITHMS TO DETERMINE OPTIMAL PACING THERAPY AND THERAPY TIMING**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With respect to the examination of the accompanying patent application, Applicants cite the following documents. These documents are also listed on an accompanying Form PTO-1449.

U. S. Patent Documents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,184,615	Nappholz, et al.	February 9, 1993
5,342,402	Olson, et al.	August 30, 1994
5,549,641	Ayers, et al.	August 27, 1996

OTHER DOCUMENTS

F.H.M. Wittkampf & M.J.L. De Jongste, Rate Stabilization by Right Ventricular Pacing in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation, PACE, Vol. 9, pp. 1147-1153, Nov.-Dec. 1986, pt. II.

Cardiac Pacing, Kenneth A. Ellenbogen, ed., pp. 311-312, 435-437, (2nd ed. 1996).

U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/316,515, entitled Method and Apparatus for Treating Irregular Ventricular Contractions Such as During Atrial Arrhythmia, filed May 21, 1999, by David B. Krig, et al.

U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/343,924, entitled Therapy-Selection Methods for Implantable Heart Monitors, filed June 30, 1999, by Milton M. Morris.

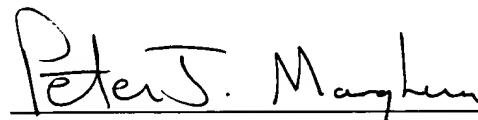
REMARKS

Copies of the foregoing U.S. Patent documents, the paper by Wittkampf and De Jongste, and the excerpts from the book Cardiac Pacing, edited by Ellenbogen, are enclosed. The United States Patent Applications cited above are available in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies thereof are not, therefore, enclosed.

The foregoing U.S. Patents describe systems and methods for distinguishing between different types of cardiac arrhythmias and providing appropriate therapies in response thereto. The paper by Wittkampf and De Jongste, and U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/316,515 by David B. Krig, et al., discuss ventricular rate regulation. The excerpts from the book Cardiac Pacing, edited by Ellenbogen, discuss Rate Smoothing and antitachycardia pacing. U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/343,924, by Milton M. Morris, describes a cardiac rhythm characterization method and apparatus. Several of these references are specifically discussed or mentioned in the specification of the above-referenced patent application.

It is thus requested that the foregoing documents being considered during examination of the accompanying Patent Application, and specifically be made of record therein.

Respectfully Submitted,



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